



155 Robbins Road

1750

Seth Stanley (1755-1827) Revolutionary War

& Ann Hooker (1756-1808)

& widow Winchell

& widow Smith

colonial

1934 WPA Census of Old Buildings in Connecticut Survey at the Connecticut State Library Digital Collection. Slide # 048

1750 Seth Stanley

current owner: Mr. Keough & Joseph Zuk
Wood house, peak roof, brick chimney in front of ridge, two stories and a half, 5 window front, 1/1 sash, 3" overhang at gable at 3rd floor level, brick foundation now stuccoed.



Connecticut State Library, State Archives
WPA Architectural Survey: wpa_archsurvey_bnd048

1935 Susqui-Centennial Celebration of the Town of Berlin – Berlin Old Houses.

1750 Seth Stanley current owner: Joseph Zuk Robbins Road

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 148

1750 Seth Stanley current owner: Antpinette Hall and Barbara Orcutt

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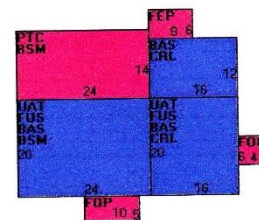
Sketch

1750 current owner: Terry Hall

Historic Buildings of Connecticut



The house was originally built by Seth Stanley in 1750.



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
 HIST-6 NEW 5/77

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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 (203) 566-3005

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	
1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	(Historic) Seth Stanley House
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE COUNTY
Berlin	Kensington Hartford
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	8-4 14-2/54/41
155 Robbins Road	
4. OWNER(S)	113 Robbins Road Kensington 06037 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
Hall, Antoinette S. LU Orcult, Barbara H.	
5. USE (Present)	(Historic) Residence
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Vernacular	c. 1750
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Vinyl siding	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
10. ROOF (Type)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
(Material)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
2 1/2	39' x 20'
12. CONDITION (Structural)	(Exterior)
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)	WHEN ? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Unusually thorough siding
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)	
Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden	On knoll, north side of Robbins Rd.
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS	
Across from modern housing tract in an area with scattered older houses.	

DESCRIPTION

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	ADDRESS 55 Van Dyke Avenue Hartford, Connecticut 06108	

20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:



DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR	
	<p>The Seth Stanley House has a three-bay facade with a central entry. The entry is protected by a gabled Victorian porch; porch detailing is obscured by modern siding. Windows are fitted with old 6-over-6 sash and modern storm sash. Second-floor facade windows are located immediately under the eaves. There is a hewn overhang across the rake ends; the sided cornice shows no return. There is a small recent chimney at the left rear. Two barns, one converted to a garage, and a wooden horse corral are located on the property to the left of the house.</p>	
SIGNIFICANCE	18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
	<p>19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE</p> <p>Despite numerous alterations (including modern siding and a modern chimney), the Seth Stanley House is significant as a good example of an 18th century central chimney house. An adaptation of traditional English building techniques to a harsh climate rich in stone, timber, and firewood, the central chimney house was the predominant domestic building type in 18th-century New England. The large central chimney, generally constructed of stone below the roofline, functioned as an enormous thermal mass. Once warmed, its tons of rock could store and release heat for hours. It remained popular in relatively isolated areas such as Berlin until after 1800. Typical 18th-century features present in the Stanley House include the symmetrical three-bay facade, the hewn overhangs at the gable ends, the small-pane sash, and the location of the second-floor windows under the eaves.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(continued)</p>	
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Seth Stanley House

19. (continued):

Seth Stanley is said to have built this house about 1750. Although the chronological succession is not absolute, three-bay facades became less common and five-bay facades more common in the later 18th century. The plan thus supports the relatively early date ascribed to the house.